# Wikipedians of Anna University's constitution

#### **Preamble:**

We, the members of the Wikipedians of Anna University, seek to encourage the students of Anna University to participate in Wikimedia projects. Our goal is the development and spread of educational content under a free licence.

#### Article I – Name

The name of the organization / club will be **Wikipedians of Anna University**.

## **Article II - Purpose**

- The organization's goal is to encourage students to participate in Wikimedia projects in different languages.
- We will take steps to familiarize the student community about different wikimedia projects.
- We will organize editing workshops, awareness sessions, photo walkouts and editing contests.
- We will create awareness about copyright practices, mediawiki software and all others issues related to Wikimedia.

# **Article III - Membership**

Membership is open to all current students of Anna University. Any student – graduate, undergraduate, doctoral and post-doctoral is eligible to join. A student can become a member by attending the informational meeting and signing up for email notifications from the organization. Members are identified by being on the mailing list and actively editing Wikimedia projects.

#### Membership criteria:

- 1). Completing a minimum of 5 non-minor edits a month on any Wikimedia Project.
- Edits and any other editing milestones are to be self-reported to the project mailing list/blog and will be taken on good faith.
- The Organization will not have any records of members' Wikimedia login names.
- 2). Paying in full of any financial obligations
  - For the inaugural year, the membership fee will be ₹ 10 from each member.
- 3). Submitting questions and attending the editing workshops conducted by the club.
- 4). Attending all monthly meetings.

# Organizational structure:

The Dean, College of Engineering, Guindy will be our patron and the rest of the active members will be treated as equals. The club has a flat hierarchy. There will be no positions – only roles.

A student's seniority in college has no standing whatsoever inside the club. For individual

events organized by the club, an organizing committee will be nominated by the club members on an event by event basis.

For handling finances, a bookkeeper will be nominated/selected by the members by a simple-majority vote (by members present in the meeting) for a term of one year. The bookkeeper's position does not have term limits, but the selection process must be renewed every year. The bookkeeper should be an active participant in wikimedia projects with more than 50 edits a month and should not be have been blocked for more than a month in any of the wikimedia projects any time in the past.

#### Voluntary withdrawal:

If one would like to voluntarily withdraw from membership one must notify the mailing list.

#### **Article IV - Finances**

The club will finance the activities it engages in by the following means:

- 1). Through the annual membership fee for normal activities
- 2). By applying for grants to the Foundation or its India chapter for specific events

The bookkeeper will publish a statement of finances every semester. Apart from the receipts and reports supplied to the foundation in case of any grants received, the bookkeeper will also publish a separate statement of expenses for every major event organized within two weeks of the said event.

## **Article V - Amending the Constitution**

The Constitution can be amended by the members themselves by conducting a special meeting publicized through the club's mailing list/blog. The consent of at least two-thirds of members present in the meeting is required for an amendment.

## **Article VI – Statement of Compliance**

By completing the registration process, we agree to abide by the University's policies. We understand that the organization's registration is contingent on the acceptance of these policies.